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SEVERANCE, Mrs. Caroline Maria Seymour, reformer, born in Catskill, N. Y., 12th January, 1820. Her father, Owen Seymour, was of an old Connecticut family. She received excel-



AMELIA BUNIC SERRANO.

lent educational advantages in her youth, taught awhile and was married, 27th August, 1840, to J. C. **Severance**, a Cleveland banker, and commenced housekeeping at once in Cleveland. They remained there until 1845, when they removed to Boston, Mass., for the education of their children. The impulse which first took her into public effort came from a visit with the famous Hutchinson Family, to the first Ohio convention for the discussion of the political and educational disabilities of women, held in Akron, Ohio, over which convention "Aunt Fanny" Gage presided. That meeting she reported with much enthusiasm for the Cleveland ladies, and that led to book-reviews and similar work for them, and occasional bits of rhyme. It led also to the request from the newly-formed Ohio Suffrage Association for a memorial to the legislature, which she was asked to present before it. Her interest in that pressing question drew her later into a little campaigning with "Aunt Fanny" in Ohio and Indiana, and into calling a convention, with her, in Cleveland, during a Republican rally there in 1848. She next attended the Women's Convention in Syracuse, N. Y., and another later, in New York City, where she was invited by Wendell Phillips. Her paper, "Humanity: a Definition and a Plan," was given to an immense audience in Cleveland, was repeated in the Parker Fraternity Lecture Course, in Tremont Temple, Boston, soon after her removal there in 1855, and was in both places the first lecture by a woman in those popular lecture courses of the time. She was elected an officer of the Parker Fraternity Lecture Course, Boston, the first and only woman officer in it, and was pressed into

repeating before it her Cleveland paper, when Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, whom she had proposed, had failed to appear. She was active in organizing and served upon the board of the New England Women's Hospital. She aided in organizing the New England Women's Club, of which she was first president. She was active in the organization and work of the Woman's Congress, before which she read in 1882 a paper on the "Chinese Question," a paper written in the light of her years of experience in California. She was active in the organization and work of the Moral Education Association of Boston, and in the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union. She removed with her husband to southern California in 1875, in the wish to make a home for the two sons already there for its climate, and with a longing for its more quiet life. She has been president of the Channing Club of Unity Church, Los Angeles, and one of its board of trustees; is president of the Free Kindergarten Association, through which nine kindergartens have been made a part of the public school system of that city; is president of the flourishing Friday Morning Club of two-hundred women members and of a promising Women's Exchange, and is serving on the board of the city free library. She is the mother of five children, four of whom lived to maturity, and three of whom still live. Her home is still in Los Angeles, the center of a circle of relatives and of their labor-formed friends.

SEVERANCE, Mrs. Juliet H., physician, born in the town of De Ruyter, N. Y., 1st July, 1833. Her father, Walter F. Worth, was a native of Nantucket, a Quaker, and a cousin of Lucretia Mott. She became interested in woman's rights,



CAROLINE MARIA SEYMOUR SEVERANCE.

anti-slavery, temperance and religious subjects, and soon won fame as an orator in convention, for her arguments and enthusiasm for the cause. Her delicate health in girlhood led her to the study of hygienic methods of treatment, which resulted in

making her strong and vigorous. She studied medicine for three years with a physician, and then went to New York, where she took the regular college course and graduated with the title of M. D. in 1858. She had kept up her interest in woman's rights and became an advocate of the abolition of the death penalty. Settling in De Witt, Iowa, she began to practice medicine, having to meet the assaults of the "regulars," who joined in a crusade against her. She soon won her way to success. She had, while in college, met a spiritualistic medium, whose tests of the return of spirits were so strong and convincing as to upset her religious views. She began to read Liberal literature, beginning with Paine's "Age of Reason," which at once took her outside of the church. She studied Darwin, Huxley and other authors, and embraced the theory of evolution. She wrote and published a volume entitled "Evolution in Earth and Spirit Life," which has passed through several editions.



JULIET H. SEVERANCE.

In 1860 she moved to Whitewater, Wis., where she soon gained a large practice. In 1863 she began to lecture on social freedom, attracting attention by the courage of her views on marriage. In 1865, in a medical convention in Minneapolis, Minn., she, as chairman of the committee on resolutions, introduced a clause favoring magnetism as a therapeutic agent, which caused great excitement among the regulars. In 1868, in Sterling, Ill., Dr. Severance delivered a Fourth of July oration, said to be the best ever delivered by a woman, in which she advocated the adoption of a Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which was designed to enfranchise women. In 1869 she removed to Milwaukee, Wis., still continuing her practice with enlarged opportunities. In 1870 she attended a State convention of Spiritualists and was chosen president, an office which she held four years. Her address on "Industrial Problems," delivered then, was pronounced a revolutionary document. Dr.

Severance is a thorough parliamentarian, and has served as president of State associations of Spiritualists in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1880 she was elected first vice-president of the Liberal League in place of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, who resigned. In that position she often relieved the president, the venerable Elmer Wright, from his arduous duties. She served as Master Workman of the Knights of Labor for three years, and Progressive Assembly was noted under her charge for its educational work. She has served three years as president of the Liberal Club, of Milwaukee. She has been prominent in political agitations, having served in three presidential nominating conventions of the Labor party. In the convention which formed the Union Labor party in 1888, in Cincinnati, Ohio, she introduced the woman-suffrage plank. All her public work has not kept her from being a model mother and house-keeper. Her family consists of three children by her first husband. Two of those, Lillian Stillman and F. W. Stillman, are on the stage and are well-known in theatrical circles. The third, H. D. Stillman, is a well-known musician. Dr. Severance is a radical of the radicals. In religion she is a Free Thinker of the Spiritualistic school. Politically, she believes in individualism against nationalism, and she is especially interested in the emancipation of woman from every form of servitude, in church, State or home. In 1890 she removed to Chicago, Ill., where she now resides.

SEWALL. Mrs. May Wright, educator and woman suffragist, was born in Milwaukee, Wis. She is descended on both sides from old New England stock, on the father's side from the Montagues, of Massachusetts, and on the mother's side from the Blacketts, of New Hampshire. Her father, Philander Wright, was one of the early settlers of Milwaukee. Miss Wright entered the Northwestern University, in Evanston, Ill., and was graduated in 1866. She received the master's degree in 1871. After an experience of some years in the common schools of Michigan, she accepted the position of principal of the Mainwell high school, and later was principal of the high school in Franklin, Ind. From that position she was called to the Indianapolis high school as teacher of German, and was subsequently engaged to work in English literature. That was in the year 1874, and since that date she has resided in Indianapolis. In 1872 she became the wife of Edwin W. Thompson, of Pass Fox, Mich., a teacher by profession, but an invalid. Mr. Thompson died in 1875. In 1880 Mrs. Thompson resigned her position in the Indianapolis high school, receiving the unprecedented compliment of a special vote of thanks from the school board for her conspicuously successful work. In October of the same year she became the wife of Theodore L. Sewall, a graduate of Harvard, who had opened a classical school for boys in Indianapolis in 1875. In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Sewall opened a classical school for girls, making the course identical with the requirements of the Harvard examinations for women. A private school for girls which made Latin, Greek and mathematics through trigonometry a part of its regular course was then a novelty in the West, but the immediate success of the girls' classical school showed that the public was quick to appreciate thorough work in the education of girls. The labor of carrying on two separate schools and a large boarding department becoming too great for one management, Mr. Sewall disposed of the boys' school in 1886, and since that time Mr. and Mrs. Sewall have given their whole attention to the school for girls. The school now has an annual enrollment of one-hundred-ninety pupils.

1871

The Year-Book of Spiritualism for 1871; Presenting the Status of Spiritualism for the Current Year throughout the World; Philosophical, Scientific, and Religious Essays; Review of Its Literature; History of American Associations; State and Local Societies; Progressive Lyceums; Lecturers; Mediums; and Other Matters Relating to the Momentous Subject; by Hudson Tuttle and J[ames] M[artin] Peebles. Boston: William White and Company, 1871.

Spirit-Art; How to Form Spirit-Circles; A Song and a Truth; The Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism: The Thirty-First of March; California—Its Ways and Wonders; Spiritualism in Washington, D. C.; Spiritualism in Philadelphia; Names of Prominent [Foreign] Spiritualists; History of the National Organization of Spiritualists; State Organizations of Spiritualists; List of Societies of Spiritualists in the United States; List of Lyceums; List of Lecturers on Spiritualism and Relating Subjects; List of Media in the United States, with Post-Office Address; Spirit-Artists; Journals Devoted to Spiritualism.

SPIRIT-ART.

By Emma Hardinge.

One of the most remarkable phases of spiritual influence upon mortals is exhibited in the strange, and often incomprehensible, drawings which are produced through media, without (as they allege) any design or volition of their own. When the influence to draw takes the form of floral groups, landscapes, figures, or the still more significant shape of spirit-portraits, it is not difficult to appreciate the work that is accomplished. Geological charts of rare exactitude have thus been produced through unlearned media, proving the amount of invisible intelligence that was directing the performance. The likenesses of deceased persons sketched through the hands of total strangers are amongst the most conclusive evidences that the controlling intelligence must have found the originals in the spheres of immortality. The flowers and landscapes executed in this way, although, as it is affirmed by the sneering critic, often deficient in the conventionalities of ordinary *routine* art, are nevertheless, in most instances, interwrought with a delicacy, precision,

Wolson, Warren, Trance, Hastings, N. Y.
 Woodruff, A. C. and Mrs. Eliza C., Eagle Harbor, N. Y.
 Woodworth, Elijah, Inspirational, Leslie, Mich.
 Wortman, S. H, box 1454, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Wright, M., Inspirational, Middleville, Mich.
 Wright, Mr. N. M., Inspirational (care "Banner of Light"), Boston, Mass.
 Yeaw, Juliette, Inspirational, Northborough, Mass.
 Young, Mr. and Mrs. William J., Boise City, Idaho Ter.
 Young, Mrs. Fannie T., Trance, Center Strafford, N. H.

List of Media in the United States, with Post-Office Address

[Abbreviations—Ph., physical; tr., trance; cl., clairvoyant; see., seeing; h., healing; bu., business; sing., singing; im., improvisational; med., medical; wr., writing; mu., musical; dev., developing; insp., inspirational; psy., psychological; sp., spirit; mag., magic.]

Abbot, Mrs., —, dev., 148 Fourth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
 Abbott, Mrs. Orrin, dev., Peoria, Ill.
 Alberly, Mrs. Ann, h., Lockport, N. Y.
 Allen, D. C., im., Lawrenceburg, Mo.
 Allen, Henry ("The Allen Boy"), musical and ph., Morrisville, Vt.
 Allen, Mrs. Buffington, wr. And tr., Boston, Mass.
 Allyn, Mrs. C. Fannie, im., tr., Stoneham, Mass.
 Andrews, L. M., tr., Mount Vernon, Mo.
 Andrews, Marshall A., H. and test, Gowanda, N. Y.
 Angel, A. A., healing, Green Garden, Ill.
 Anson, D. B., test, Convis Belleview, Mich.
 Anthony, Mrs. Susan B., med., cl., and test, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Armstrong, Mr., —, Columbus, O.
 Ayres, Mrs. S. B., h., Keokuk, Io.
 Bates, Mrs. D. J., test, Cohasset, Mass.
 Beach, Mary, clairvoyant, San Jose, Cal.
 Beals, Bishop A., tr., test, and musical, Versailles, N. Y.
 Beckwith, Miss Eliza, unconscious tr., Boston, Mass.
 Beckwith, Pearl S., healer, Milan, O.

Richardson, Dr. A. H., h., Charlestown, Mass.
 Robinson, Katie B., cl. and test, 2123 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Rockwood, Mrs. William, tr. and med., 47 East Springfield Street, Boston, Mass.
 Rodgers, Prof., 327 Gaskell Street, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Rowley, Mrs., speaking, Farmington, Minn.
 Ruttle, J. H., M. D., h., Health Institute, 1111 Girard Street, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Seaver, J. W., personating, wr., and sp., Byron, N. Y.
 Severance, Dr. A. B., psychometrist, White Water, Wis.
 Severance, Miss Lizzie A., tr., test, and bu., Boston, Mass.
 Severance, Mrs. A. B., psychometrist, White Water, Wis.
 Severance, Mrs. J. H. S., psychometrist and test, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Severance, Sarah T., unconscious tr. and clairvoyant, Boston, Mass.
 Seymour, Mrs. H. S., test, 140 Bleeker Street, New-York City.
 Shephard, Jesse B. H., musical
 Shephard, S. J., tr. and wr., Weston, Mo.
 Sherland, Mrs., personating, Tucker, Cal.
 Sibley, Mrs., test, tr., Toledo, O.
 Slade, Dr. H., Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Slocum, Mrs. Helen, see. and test, Rutland, Vt.
 Smedley, Dr. L. G., trance physician, Avon Springs, N. Y.
 Smith, H. H., wr., Osseo, Minn.
 Smith, Mrs. A., writing, Prophetstown, Mo.
 Smith, Ransel J. and Emma J., test, East Liberty, O.
 Smith, S., tr. and speaking, Rockford, Ill.
 Smythe, Alex., wr., tr., Philadelphia, Penn.
 Somerby, Sarah E., test and h., 410 Eighth Avenue, New-York City.
 Southard, John, wr. and improvisational, Pontiac, Mich.
 Spear, J. M., San Francisco, Cal.
 Starr, N. B., artist, Port Huron, Mich.
 Steel, A., im. and clairvoyant, Green Garden, Ill.
 Stephens, E. H., healing and sp., Lettsville, Io.
 Stephens, Miss Sarah, insp., wr., Batavia, N. Y.
 Stephens, Mrs. P. W., test, Sacramento, Cal.
 Stephenson, Mrs. C. B., seeing and tr., Farmer's Creek, Mo.
 Stevens, Mrs., H., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Stewart, W., writing and personating, Prophetstown, Mo.
 Stoddard, Miss Susan, tr., Boston, Mass.
 Stoddard, Mrs., clairvoyant and test, 2108 Mt. Vernon Street, Philadelphia, Penn.
 Stowell, Mrs. H. A., im., Green Garden, Ill.
 Sullivan, Charles, W., see. and sing., tr., cl., Boston, Mass.
 Sumner, Miss P. J., test, M'Connelsville, O.
 Thurston, Mrs., speaking, Convis Belleview, Mich.
 Tilton, William, seer, Le Roy, N. Y.

Mrs. E. A. Blair, 166 Bridge Street, Salem, Mass.

D. Willis, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mrs. J. M. Peebles, Hammonton, N. J.

Mrs. Catherine Berry, Hyde Park Hotel, London, Eng.

Miss Georgiana Houghton, 20 Delamere Crescent, Westbourne Square, London, Eng.

Mrs. Plunkett, London, Eng.

H. F. Rippon, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

David Duguid, Glasgow, Scotland.

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Journals Devoted to Spiritualism

- Banner of Light. Weekly, Boston, Mass.
- American Spiritualist. Fortnightly. Cleveland, O.
- Present Age. Weekly. Chicago, Ill.
- Religio-Philosophical Journal. Weekly. Chicago, Ill.
- The New Life. Weekly. Baltimore, Md.
- The Spiritual Helper. Monthly. Lake Mills, Wis.
- The Tafelrunde (Round Table), (German). Fortnightly. Edited by P. J. Shückling, M. D., Washington, D. C.
- Human Nature. Monthly. J. Burns, 15 Southampton Row, London.
- The Spiritual Magazine. Monthly. Wilkinson and Shorter, Editors. J. Burns, 15 Southampton Row, Publisher.
- The Medium and Daybreak. Weekly. J. Burns, Editor and Proprietor, 15 Southampton Row.
- The Spiritualist. Semi-Monthly. W. H. Harrison, Editor. E. W. Allen, Publisher, Ave-Maria Lane, St. Paul's Churchyard, E. C., London.
- Revue Spirite. Published by the Allan-Kardec Society. Paris, Rue de Lille.
- Revue Spiritualiste. M. Pierart, Joinville le Pont, 2, Paris.
- Le Magnetiseur Universel. Once or more monthly. Paris, 15 Rue J. J. Rousseau.
- Spiritisme à Lyon. Fortnightly. Lyons, Cours Lafayette.
- La Vérité. Lyons, 48 Rue de la Charité.
- Le Magnetiseur. Monthly. Geneva, 9 Rue de Mont blanc.

- L'Union Spirite. Bordeaux, 57 Cowes de Aquitaine.
- Licht des Jenseits. Monthly. Vienna, 7 Singerstrasse.
- Psyche. P. H. Hoffner. Grossen, Hayne, Saxony.
- Le Salut. Semi-Monthly. Bologna, 1748 via Venezia.
- Anuali dello Spiritism. Monthly. Turin, 2 via S. Dominico.
- L'Epoca Nicova. Turin, via Nuova.
- La Voce de Dio. Monthly. Signor G. Modica, Scordi, Sicily.
- El Criterio Espiritista. Madrid, Calle del Vico Santa Maria, 25.
- El Spiritism. Semi-Monthly. Seville, Calle de Jenova, 54.
- Revista Espiritista. Barcelona, Calle de Basca, 30.
- The Aurora. Florence, Italy. Monthly. Edited and published by Sig. Parisi.
- The Glowworm. Monthly. Edited and published by N. S. Naylor, Melbourne, Australia.

It is reported that there are upwards of twenty spirit-mediums in Melbourne, Australia; many of whom belong to the upper ranks of society, including the legislature.



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1873

**"Reformatory Lecturers," *Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly* (New York), August 16;
"Directory of Social Freedom," August 30**

In view of the determination recently manifested by certain would-be authorities in Spiritualism, and from a sincere desire to promote their expressed purposes, to set up a distinction that will produce a free and a muzzled rostrum; we shall henceforth publish in this list the names and addresses of such speakers, now before the public and hereafter to appear, as will accept no engagement to speak from any committee or arrangement, with any proviso whatever, as to what subject they shall treat, or regarding the manner in which it shall be treated. A reformatory movement, such as Spiritualism really is, cannot afford so soon to adopt the customs of the Church and fall into its dotage. On the contrary, it demands an unflinching advocacy of all subjects upon which the Spirit world inspires their mediums under the absolute freedom of the advocate. To all those speakers who wish to be understood as being something above the muzzled ox which treads out the corn, this column is now open:

C. Fannie Allyn, Stoneham, Mass.
J. I. Arnold, Clyde, O.
Rev. J. O Barrett, Battle Creek, Mich.
Mrs. H. F. M. Brown, National City, Cal.
Annie Denton Cridge, Wellesley, Mass.
Warren Chase, St. Louis, Mo.
A. Briggs Davis, Clinton, Mass.
Mrs. L. E. Drake, Plainwell, Mich.
Miss Nellie L. Davis, North Billerica, Mass.
Lizzie Doten, Pavilion, 57 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.
R. G. Eccles, Andover, Ohio.
Mrs. Elvira Hull, Vineland, N. J.
Moses Hull, Vineland, N. J.
D. W. Hull, Hobart, Ind.
Charles Holt, Warren, Pa.

E. Annie Hinman, West Winsted, Ct.
Anthony Higgins, Jersey City, N. J.
W. F. Jamieson, 139 Monroe street, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Jennie Leys, 4 Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
Cephas B. Lynn, Sturgis, Mich.
Mrs. F. A. Logan, Buffalo, N. Y.
Anna M. Middlebrook, Bridgeport, Ct.
J. H. Randall, Clyde, O.
A. C. Robinson, Lynn, Mass.
Mrs. H. J. Severance, Milwaukee, Wis.
Laura Cuppy Smith, No. 1 Atlantic street, Lynn, Mass.
M. L. Sherman, Adrian, Mich.
John Brown Smith, 812 N. 16th st., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. H. T. Stearns, Corry, Pa.
Dr. H. B. Storer, 137 Harrison avenue, Boston, Mass.
C. W. Stewart, Janesville, Wis.
J. H. W. Toohey, Providence, R. I.
F. L. H. Willis, Willimantic, Ct.
Lois Waisbrooker, Battle Creek, Mich.
Prof. E. Whipple, Clyde, Ohio.
John B. Wolff, 510 Pearl street, N. Y.
William Rose, M. D. 102 Murison street, Cleveland.
Dr. George Newcomer, Jackson, Mich.
Mrs. L. H. Perkins, Kansas City, Mo.
James Foran, M. D., Waverly, N. Y.
Mrs. C. M. Stowe, San Jose, Cal.
Clara A. Field, Newport, Maine.
Hannah T. Stearns, Trance Speaker, Corry, Penn.
H. H. Brown, 347 W. Madison street, Chicago, Ill.
J. T. Haughey, Paola, Kansas.
J. P. Greenleaf, 37 Milford street, Boston, Mass.
Elvira Wheelock Ruggles, Havana, Ill.

Directory of Social Freedom.

We desire to present from time to time a list of the writers and speakers who advocate Social Freedom. The time is not far distant when it will be necessary that these shall know each other, and it is at the suggestion of one of the most able writers and speakers, and most earnest of them all on this subject that we now invite names for this directory:

Francis Barry, Ravenna, Ohio.

Julia [Juliet] H. Severance, Milwaukie, Wis.
Thomas W. Organ, Tuscola, Ill.
Loren Hollister, Turner, Ill.
J. W. Evarts, Centralia, Ill.
Laura Cuppy Smith, care this office.
Anna M. Middlebrook, Bridgeport, Conn.
J. K. Philleo, Parkman, Ohio.
L. K. Joslin, Providence, R. I.
E. H. Heywood, Princeton, Mass.
[Angela] Heywood, Princeton, Mass.
Seward Mitchell, Cornville, Me.
Carrie Lewis, Cleveland, Ohio.
Daniel Wood, Lebanon, Me.
Lessie Goodell Steinmetz, Amherst, Mass.
Nellie L. Davis, North Billerica, Mass.
J. K. Moore, Oil City, Pa.
Mrs. M. E. B. Sawyer, 27 Milford St., Boston.
Frances Rose Mackinley, 769 Mission St., San Francisco.
Sada Bailey, Waukegan, Ill.



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